

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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DEMAND OF POTATO
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) The demand and supply position of potato during each of the last two years, till-date;
- (b) Whether the Government has estimated the domestic demand of potato during 2004-05 ;
- (c) If so, the details thereof; and
- (d) The steps proposed to be taken to meet the demand ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRIKANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) to (c) : As per estimates of the National Horticultural Research and Development Foundation (NHRDF), Nasik, Maharashtra, potato production is indicated below:

(Lakh metric tonnes)

Year	Estimated Production
2002-03	265.32
2003-04	244.69

The NHRDF has estimated annual requirement of Potato at around 26 lakh tonnes.

(d): In order to ensure remunerative prices to farmers to raise production and productivity through higher investment, the Government implements the Market Intervention Scheme

(MIS) on the basis of request from the State Government.